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THE INEVITABLE FALL OUT?

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We begin with our scripture text today found in **Jude 14-16**, “**And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his Saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lust; and their mouth speaking great swelling words, having men’s persons in admiration because of advantage**”. In today’s age of acceptance and tolerance, it is not easy or popular to disagree with others. It seems the only truth that we must all bow to is that everyone has the right to their own belief system. In other words, what may be wrong for one person is not necessarily wrong for another. To suggest that someone else could be wrong, or worse, to claim that there is such a thing as ultimate, absolute truth, is highly offensive in our present culture. The truth of the matter is, there are absolutes because we have the Word of Almighty God. I know there are those who discount the Bible as a book of mythology, an outdated book, and one that is not in touch with this present generation. For that reason, we are witnessing a departing from the faith and a plethora of evil as it abounds throughout the entirety of this nation. The truth is, God’s Word is eternal, infallible, and immutable. In the last several decades, we have witnessed a

departing from the scriptures and now we are embracing a philosophical gospel. The word philosophy simply means, a search for a general understanding of values and reality by being speculative rather than observational. Let me say it plain and simple, there is nothing speculative about the Word of God! When one speculates, they are questioning knowledge. That is the peril with this modern church era in that men speculate and question the Word of our Lord. Due to the sheer amount of speculation all absolutes concerning the Word of God along with His righteousness have been tossed aside as wastepaper. This is why the remnant of God is going to encounter untold persecution in the coming days because they stand upon the absolute truth of God’s word. Let me be pointed here, the Bible is clear: lying is a sin, it will damn the soul and the reward is a place in hell coupled with eternal separation from God. Some may say, how can you be that absolute? We read in **Revelation 21:8**, “**But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death**”. Because I fully believe in the Word of God, and that His Word is absolute, and unchangeable, I am going to have a fall out with people; it is inevitable. This will be evidenced because many will try to refute the Word of God by declaring, “but my God is a God of love, and would

never send anyone to hell”. There will be times when true believers will be persecuted here in the time of the end (e. g. Kim Davis). Since many do not believe in the infallible and immutable Word of God, you are often times going to have frontal confrontations with people who disagree with the absolute truth. I’m here to say today that God’s Word is either completely true or completely false. There has always been the debate about what was absolute and not absolute concerning God’s Word. God has spoken and that is final. We read in **Hebrews 1:1-2**, “**God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the father’s by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds**”. Paul is making it very clear that in time past God spoke to the Israeli fathers by the prophets whom He had chosen and ordained, but now declares in these last days He has spoken unto us by His Son Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, we preach the gospel along with the New Testament epistles because they are the letters that are written to the churches. We do not preach the law because Jesus fulfilled the law and brought in a new covenant or a New Testament. People today, nevertheless, will argue everything when it comes to the holy writ. As my newsletter states, there will be the inevitable fallout when people do not agree with the entirety of the New Testament covenant. Jesus claimed that He was the truth, not a version of the truth, but the absolute truth. Truth is

absolute, and there is no variation in absolute truth. We read in **John 1:14**, “**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth**”. Again, we read here in **John 1:17**, “**For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ**”. The emphasis is placed upon: truth came by Jesus Christ. Jesus himself said in **John 8:32**, “**And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free**”. In this same chapter, Jesus said in **John 8:45**, “**And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not**”. Once again I cannot over-emphasize the absolute truthfulness of God’s Word. In Paul’s epistle to the Galatians he says in **Galatians 4:16**, “**Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?**” There were those at Galatia who questioned Paul’s truthfulness about the law and their inability to embrace the finished work of Christ at the cross. And for that reason, they perceived Paul as their enemy and sadly there was the inevitable fallout. Here in the time of the end there is going to be profuse betrayal and fallout among many professing believers. The reason this fallout will be such a hemorrhage and bloodbath to the purported body of Christ is because many are embracing another gospel, which is not another gospel. The very fact that people become unwilling to embrace the infallible truth of God’s Word, they will depart from the faith, and never realize it. There are many who began this Christian race but regretfully, will not finish well, because they deny the absolute truth of God’s Word. The apostle Jude gives us many examples of those who once started out in the way of Jehovah but they failed to embrace the absolute truth of His words. Thus we read in **Jude verse 5**, “**I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once**

knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not”. Jude says this was once a saved people but afterward God was forced to destroy them because they did not believe in His absolute truth. We read again here in **Jude verse 6**, “**And the angels which kept not their first estate (or principality) but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day**”. We see that there were certain angels that turned away from God, thus they were banished from His eternal presence and reserved in everlasting chains under darkness until the Great White Throne Judgment. Why did these angels leave their first estate? They did not believe in the absolute truth and boundaries which God had placed over them. These certain angels rebelled against the truth and chose to have sexual encounters with earthly women which was forbidden by God Almighty. Again, because they refused to believe in the absolute truth of God and His Word, they too are eternally damned. Last but not least, reading here from **Jude verse 7**, “**Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire**”. Due to the absolute truth concerning God’s Word, whether it be fornication, adultery, sodomy, same sex marriage or any other sin, God will not tolerate it. The Bible says that Sodom and Gomorrah are an example of what will happen to people who continue to live in sin and refuse to embrace the absolute truth. Jude, by the Holy Ghost, says, Sodom and Gomorrah are an example of people being destroyed by hellfire and brimstone which was an example of the eternal vengeance

of God coupled with eternal separation from His most holy presence. May I ask you a question: do you believe in the absolute truth of God and His most Holy Word? If you do not believe in the absolute truth of God’s Word, you are endangering your eternal soul. You too will suffer the inevitable fallout, but not with man, but with God Almighty! It is a small thing for you to fallout with a man but it is an eternal and damnable thing to fallout with God concerning His truth. I am not here to be a stumbling stone or stumbling block to anyone: I am not a bigot trying to flaunt my connection with the truth. I am simply trying to admonish you in the truth of God’s Word because every man who enters into the kingdom of God will have been found loyal to God and His Holy Word. You cannot simply agree to anything for the sake of truth. The truth is the truth and that settles it. In closing, Paul declared in **2nd Corinthians 13:8**, “**For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth**”. In other words, after men have lied, castigated, and impinged the truth of God’s Word, it is still the pure unadulterated truth. The truth also divides heresies and mendacities, thus separating you from certain people. Do not be discouraged when you encounter a fallout which is inevitable according to the Word of God. Until next month remain steadfast and strong in the Word of our Lord. As you seek God and His Word He will move some things and some people out of your life. Do not grow weary neither discouraged when God begins this work in you personally. Thank you for your love and support for my wife and I. We seek to honor God in preaching an uncompromising message from the Word of God.

Serving With You All,

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